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**Athletic Associations Unite To Plan Alumni Sports Day**

The Women's and the Men's Athletic Associations are combining their efforts toward an Alumni Co-recreational Sports Day scheduled for Saturday, March 9. Invitations have been sent to alumni as far back as 1926 who were interested in athletics while at Bridgewater.

The program is planned as follows:

7:00 Co-recreational activities under Elma Filippone limited to invited guests.

6:00 Dinner in Commuters' Room in Boyden Hall for W. A. A. Board, M. A. A. Board, invited guests and such faculty guests as President and Mrs. Kelly, Miss S. Elizabeth Pope, Miss M. I. Callwell, Miss L. Decker, and Mr. Frederick Meier. There will be a fee of fifty cents for the dinner.

7:30 Alumnus-Varsity Basketball Game followed by games and dancing in charge of Marguerite Saveris.

General chairman of the activities of the evening is Doris Barrell who has the support of the following committee heads: afternoon program, Elma Filippono; evening program, Marguerite Saveris; food, Phyllis Jacobson; and hospitality, Betty Milne and Frederick Martin.

**Chapel Committee Releases March Program Schedule**

Highlighted by S. C. A. election and student productions, the tentative March series of assembly programs as released last week by Chapel Committee are expected to win continued support and popularity.

Spirited contests are expected to begin soon for the all important elections of officers of the Student Cooperative Association for 1940-41. Under the direction of the Elections Committee the program will be held in Chapel on March 1, and the highly-anticipated regular elections will take place a week later on March 8.

Postponed from its original January date, the Sophomore Chapel Program will be presented during the month. Extensive plans which have been long in the making will probably not be announced prior to the actual presentation. An enjoyable program, however, is promised by the committee which is under the general chairmanship of Sophomore class officers.

Coming so late in February that it might well be considered a March program is the student travel session planned for the last Tuesday of this month. According to the present plans of Ruth Small and her Chapel Committee, the following students will discuss their travels: Winifred Sweeney, on South America; Helen O'Leary, on Europe; Patricia Huxford and Doris Kenney, on Europe; Frank Hillery and Wilbur Parchman on cleanup.

**Day Students Stage “Swing-a-Song” Social**

With “Swing-a-Song” for its theme, the day students' annual social, held at the Boyden Gymnasium Friday evening, February 9, provided entertainment for faculty and students alike. Novel decorations in black and white carried out the modern theme. Dancing to the melodies of a popular orchestra was enjoyed from 8 to 11:30.

The general chair of the successful affair was Jean Lindsay, president of the Day Student Council. Other members of the committee were Marion Spencer, decoration; Eleanor Walsh, hospitality; Berry Parent, tickets; Mary DeCosta, refreshments; Florence Bradshaw, publicity; Juliette and Harriette Noel, cleanup; Winifred Taylor, music.

**COMING EVENTS**

Feb. 7 Sophomore-Junior from 9 Day Student Social
16 Winter Reces
26 Return to school
Mar. 1 Sophomore Social
8 Men's Glee Club Concert
15 Orchestra Concert
22 Good Friday
29 B. T. C. A. A. Formal
CONTROL OF CLASS MEETINGS

Unruly class meetings in which there is much talking done and too little actual business carried on are usually the fault of the president. The responsibility for guiding and controlling the meeting falls squarely on the shoulders of the presiding officer—he falls in his duty when he allows the group to take unbridled liberties in argument.

Having placed the guilt on the presiding officer, the task of encouraging him to take the job more seriously falls to us. We suggest that officers develop a little more backbone, that they be firm and fair, that they not permit their personalities to get in the way of the work in hand. Manager and editor must set a higher standard for themselves and for others. It is much better to have a quiet meeting in which we accomplish genuine work than to have a noisy meeting which is only a waste of time.

No meeting should be called except for serious purposes. We should encourage the spirit of democracy and timekeeping in the conduct of our club meetings.

COMMON SENSE RULES

The material for the character of Bridgewater Teachers College isn't at all a discrete to the institution, but rather than being a dispensation of the intellectual life of the school, it is a reflection of the whole community. The responsibility for its maintenance and enhancement lies with the students, who are the lifeblood of the institution. We must work together to ensure that our common sense prevails in all aspects of our lives.

An Anthology of American Verse

Loretta Dupre has been elected president of the campus chapter of the Poetry Society. This is a relatively new instrument, and is meant to bring attention to the importance of poetry and its role in our lives. The election was held at the annual meeting of the society, and was attended by members from all over the country.

The orchestra, in charge of the chapel program for February, played the works of Richard Strauss and Robert Schumann. The orchestra was conducted by the department of music, and the performance was well-received by the audience. The program included works by Beethoven, Schubert, and Chopin, among others.

FRISCH CLUB

Loretta Dupre has been elected president pro-tempore and Jean Buxo vice-president pro-tempore, for the next ten weeks. Edna Dooler has been appointed to the committee for the amendment of the constitution.

FOOTBALL

The story is a simple one of a woman who finds herself in a difficult situation. The plot is well-crafted and the characters are well-developed. The story is a great read for anyone who enjoys a good mystery.

An Anthology of American Verse

Has Poems by B. T. C. Student

The poems in this collection are a great reflection of the diversity of American poetry, and the book is a great addition to any library. The poems are well-written and thought-provoking, and they offer a unique perspective on the world.

A SHOOTING STAR

At first point, A mere pin-prick of light In all that vast blue space of night, a streak.

A sudden line of sports

And gone. The eye its path still marks.

So quick! So brief!

Its whole life-span is spent.

So life—is but one flashed event.

This poem is taken from a collection of modern American poetry, and its creator resides in room 223 of Tillinghast Hall. Gerard King has been writing poetry for many years, and his work has been published in numerous literary journals. Some of his poems are published in the newspaper of his hometown, Haydenville. Just recently she won a poetry contest sponsored by the Avon Publishing Company, and her work has been featured in an anthology of modern American poetry, as well as in two of Miss King's poems appear. The other poems in the book are entitled "The Wind," "The Garden," and "The Night."
Hello chorubs.

Peering out from between the scaffolding around the tower, (no orchids to these hurricane contracts), I see that the iron grill lights are back on the lower campus. Wonder who spirits them away?

Goodbye, Cherubs.

CAMPUS COMMENT

Returning Senior Trainers Report Amusing Class Incidents

That "all is not work" in the realm of senior practice teaching has been proved by several members of A-1 who recently experienced some of the more humorous aspects of the modern class room.

Jordan Fiore who taught in the high school Wall River found one of his classes very amusing indeed—said class being made up entirely of girls. Jordan was only a little bit older than most of the high-schoolers and as a result the members of the faculty found it very confusing. Poor Jordan was often reprimanded by monitors as he proceeded to go down "up" stairways when suddenly he was stopped by an office of Mr. and given ten hour detention for running through the corridors.

But the most amusing of all Jordan's adventures happened in the school library one afternoon. Jordan seated himself at the desk provided for teachers when a library monitor approached him, eyed him critically and remarked, "WELL?"

"That desk is for teachers only," was the next approach.

"Fiore: I know it."

Monitor: "WELL?" (tapping her foot)

"Don't walk!"

The poor monitor finally went to the librarian and said, "Humph—some of these seniors think they own the library!"

Another member of A-1 was especially amused by some of the very fascinating answers some of her eighth graders gave to her questions on history. For instance, when she asked her history pupils what happened on April 19, 1775 the brilliant reply was, "I dunno. I didn't go to school that day."

But Helen says her prize answer occurred in her geography class recently. Miss Tebbetts' fifth grade pupil was reciting the names of the provinces.

The pupil said, "After the glacier left, the people had to do a lot of cleaning up.

"Then what people?" (Helen thought probably the pupil would say something about Indians). The reply was, "You mean what president?"

"Gerry" Wardwell had many amusing experiences in her brief career as a teacher. She was especially impressed by the many fantasticversions of her surname which her pupils imagined. Besides being called, "Miss Wardwell," (once in a while)

Gerry had to answer to Miss Ward, Miss Wardale, Miss Quadeville, and Miss Wardswirth.

Other laughs have been furnished by Gerry in the form of answers to test questions. In answer to one question Gerry gave this answer: "A mammal is a person from Mambo.

Those odd bits of humor should prove somewhat encouraging to those who anticipate senior teaching with shaky confidence. Of course, teaching, always means work, but as the A-1's say, "There are a plenty of laughs in every class room."

March

Marie Rudd Writes of Her Struggle To Provide Educational Opportunities For Colored Children

By now practically every student at B. T. C. appreciates the admirable work Marie Rudd, graduate of Bridgewater, is doing down South. That any of us who were here before she graduated are proud to have known her; those who know her only by reputation are proud to know that B. T. C. is her Alma Mater.

In a letter received at the college recently, Marie Rudd has much of interest to say. We feel that what she writes would be of value to us all. Some points we wish to repeat are:

"We try to keep our school plant and grounds spotlessly clean and well tended so that when our children pass the white school on the tracks a feeling of pride rather than disgust will envelope them when they know their own building is just as fine.

"In addition Marie has formed a group of older people into a club that meets at the school every week to provide interesting and different programs. In her fourth grade the children's ages range from 8 to 17 and heights from three to six feet. This seems incredible to us but many children have to stay home to work and thus have to repeat a grade.

"When we could not do the above, the conditions in our schools here in the north seem to be ideal. When we rush out to "reform" the school in which we teach let us give just a thought to the type of "reform" Marie Rudd is carrying on.

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Active in leadership qualities while at Bridgewater, Walter Atwood (1923) has attained the outstanding position of President of Clark University. President of the State Teachers College in Hyannis is Herbert Howes (1902), father of the famous "Skipper" the grad student of last year.

Everett Avery Churchill (1914) is now Vice President of Northeastern University, and a member of Board of Directors of Adult Educational Council in Boston.

Other men of renown are: George Morton Churchill (1886-91) sixteen years in Library of Congress, and professor of history at the George Washington University; Edward Lawrence Cushman (1901), author, lecturer on Micro- paleontology at Harvard, Director Cushman Laboratory for Foraminiferal Research, Russell Eaton (1892-96) President of Urbana Junior College, Ohio; Michael Edward Fitzgerald (1881) Superintendent of Schools at Cambridge, Massachusetts; William Joseph Long (1887) author and clergymen who has written eighteen books, especially on History of English and American Literature; Charles Robinson (1857) Principal of Peekskill Military Academy, New York; and William Grild Vinal, Director of Nature Guide School, and professor at Massachusetts State College.

The following statistics show us some of the high levels in the teaching profession reached by Bridgewater graduates since the founding of the school. College President or Principal of a Normal School 26 Professor in College or Normal School 179 Superintendent of Schools 58 Principal of High School Teacher 70 Principal of elementary, junior or senior high 681 Music supervisor 18 Art supervisor 19 Positions outside the teaching profession held by Bridgewater graduates 26 Attorney 32 Clergyman 40 Editor 4 Journalist 4 Librarian 8 Literary 5 Physician 57 Surgeon 6

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